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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENT(S) :

| <u>Patent No.</u> | <u>Patentee</u> | <u>Date of Issue</u> |
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| 5,502,576 | Ramsay et al. | Mar. 26, 1996 |
| 5,636,292 | Rhoads | Jun. 3, 1997 |

The references listed above are relevant because they were cited by the examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/US99/11526 (MPEP §2001.06(a)).

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OTHER U.S. PATENT(S) :

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|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 5,893,067 | Bender et al. | Apr. 6, 1999 |

Copies of the above-listed references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the subject patent application, and therefore no fee is due.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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